

House Resolution 1490

By: Representatives Hill of the 180th, Lane of the 167th, Williams of the 165th, and Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pastor Leon Washington and inviting him to appear before the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in his many years as a minister, Pastor Leon Washington has served the Lord
4 and his flock with tremendous dedication to helping his fellow man and an unwavering
5 commitment to spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ; and

6 WHEREAS, he was born and raised in Valdosta, Georgia, and after completing high school
7 he served his country with distinction as a member of the United States Navy; and

8 WHEREAS, after being ordained as a minister of the gospel in 1982, he served as pastor of
9 Genesis Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, from 1983 to 1988 before
10 becoming pastor of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, where he retired from a civil
11 service career of over 20 years to devote himself to the ministry full time; and

12 WHEREAS, for over 17 years, Pastor Washington has led Evergreen Missionary Baptist
13 Church through many impressive developments, including the building of a new sanctuary,
14 the Family Life Center, and the Precious Lambs Child Development Center, as well as the
15 establishment of a satellite of Beacon University at the church; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Washington, who holds a bachelor's degree in Christian education, a
17 master's degree in theology, and an honorary doctorate of divinity, is widely respected for his
18 outstanding leadership abilities and has served as president of the Southern Christian
19 Leadership Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, as vice president of Zion Union, and as
20 president of the 11th district of the Convention of the General Missionary Baptist Convention
21 of Georgia, Inc.; and

1 WHEREAS, Pastor Washington's outstanding service as pastor has touched the hearts of
2 countless individuals, and he continues to inspire his community with his undying devotion
3 to the Lord.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in commending Pastor Leon Washington for his many years
6 of extraordinary service to his flock and thank him for his invaluable contributions to
7 Georgia.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pastor Leon Washington is invited to the House of
9 Representatives for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate
10 copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives.